(d) and (e) The Scheme is demand bases and the project proposal has to come from the eligible organisations and as such, there is no time bound programme for implementation of the scheme.

Human development level

†5445. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the human development level of the people in some States of the country has been found to be pitiable;

(b) if so, the names of such States;

(c) whether Government have decided to bring them at par with other States by implementing special scheme; and

(d) if so, the fact in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (d) The National Human Development Report, 2001, has brought out wide disparities among States in the level of human development due to their attainment levels in the areas of economic progress, education and health. It has also been found over a period of the time that States which have lagged behind in comparision to economically better off States have registered significant progress in terms of peace of development. As development is a continuous process, constant efforts have been made from time to time in consultation with States Governments with a view to further reduce the existing disparities.

Grants to madarsas

5446. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government were planning to modernise madarsas in a bid to bring them into the national mainstream;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether about 1000 madarsas are being given grants by Government; and

(c) whether Government have also increased the budgetary provision for development of Urdu from Rs. 2 crores to Rs. 20. crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Since 1993-94, Central Government has been implementing a scheme for the modernization of madarsa eduction with the objective to encourage traditional institutions like madarsas and maktabs to introduce modern subjects. Under the scheme, grants are released to State Governments for the salaries of two teachers per madarsa to teach modern subjects (Hindi, English, Maths. Science, Social Studies). A lump sum grant for book banks and science and maths kits is also provided under the scheme.

(b) The number varies from year to year depending on the viable demands received from various State Government. In 2001-2002, 712 madarsas in 7 States were provided a total grant of Rs.201.08 lakhs. States-wise details of grants released are annexed as Statements. *(See* below).

(c) The budget provision for the National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), an autonomous organisation of this Ministry, has been increased from Rs. 8.50 crore in 2001 -2002 to Rs. 8.77 crore in 2002-2003.

Statement

State-wise details of Grants to Madarsas

(Rs. in Lakhs)

SI. No.	States	Amount released in 2001^2002	No. of Madarsas
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12.51	82
2.	Chandigarh	. 0.36	1
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.72	1
4.	Madhya Pradesh	147.18	481
5.	Tripura	38.53	127

SI. No.	States	Amound released in 2001-2002	No. of Madarsas
6.	Uttar Pradesh West	0.37	(For carrying out evaluation studies of madarsas in Uttar Pradesh) 20 (Establishment of book banks)
7.	Bengal	1.40	
	TOTAL	201.08	712

Reservation for disabled teachers

5447. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Supreme Court directed the Centre and the University Grants Commission to provide 3 per cent reservation in teaching posts for physically and visually disabled persons.

(b) if so, whether the Supreme Court Bench directed the UGC to give relaxation of 5 per cent marks at the Master's Degree level to the disabled, as was being given to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) if so, the what extent the Centre and the UGC has issued instructions to the concerned authorities to implement the Supreme Court's orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) The apex court was satisfied with the stand of the UGC on the provisions of reservation available in teaching posts for physically and visually disabled persons; therefore no'direction was issued. However.